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Archive CD Books Canada Newsletter

1 - WELCOME,

Welcome to our second newsletter using this composition and distribution system. Last months distribution was statistically successful but there were a couple of you who got some very weird results, and as we are in the business of "pleasing all of the people all of the time" we have made some formatting "simplifications" and have been a lot more careful with the composition.

Much of our time last month was taken up by our participation in June's OGS Conference extravaganza so we have not been able to get our latest, fascinating, old book ready for you.

Instead we thought we would extend the very special offer we had running during the Show: As a Newsletter reader you can buy your very own copy of what is probably the most useful, and universally applicable, Canadian Directory EVER; "Lovell's Canadian Dominion Directory - 1871," listing (almost) every household in the (then) four Canadian Provinces as well as PEI & Newfoundland; CatNo: CA0192-S for \$30.00 (~~\$48.75~~) OR The Ontario Province extraction from this same directory (which also includes the gigantic "Introductory" and the "General Information" sections) CatNo. CA0192-O for

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\$20.00 (~~\$26.25~~). Section 3 of this newsletter will provide further information on this GREAT directory.

We have also updated and refreshed all our other newsletter departments including breaking Genealogy News and Events.

2 - WHATS IN THE NEWSLETTER

- A special offer for our Newsletter Readers.
- A look at what's coming.
- All our news, gossip and announcements.

Remember this Newsletter is published for you so if you think we're missing something important, or there is something you would enjoy, drop me a line:

Send Me eMail

3 - A SPECIAL OFFER FOR OUR NEWSLETTER READERS

CANADIAN DOMINION DIRECTORY FOR 1871, by John Lovell,
Montreal

Complete, (6 Provinces): CA0192-S was ~~\$48.75~~ IS: \$30.00

Ontario, including General, etc.: CA0192-O was ~~\$24.75~~ IS: \$20.00

(Limited time offer)

The full title of this enormous (more than 2,500 pages) book is: "LOVELL'S CANADIAN DOMINION DIRECTORY FOR 1871 CONTAINING NAMES OF PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS MEN, AND OTHER INHABITANTS, IN THE CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES, THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCES OF ONTARIO, QUEBEC, NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEWFOUNDLAND, AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, and LISTS OF POST OFFICES, BANKS, GOVERNMENTAL DEPARTMENTS, HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, LAW COURTS, CUSTOM HOUSES, PORTS OF ENTRY, TARIFFS OF CUSTOMS, RAILWAYS, RAILWAY AND STEAMBOAT ROUTES, CLERGY, PATENTS OF

INVENTION, BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES, REGISTRARS, NEWSPAPERS, &c, &c. also STATEMENTS OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, TRADE, POPULATION, &c, &c. corrected to January, 1871."

Other than the government's official census this is probably the most exhaustive single source of information on the inhabitants of The Dominion, and the two closely allied but still independent Provinces of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, in this period. In the Preface to the directory John Lovell, the editor and publisher, sets out the background to the conception and production of this mammoth work and from this it can be seen that his objective was to identify as many individuals as possible in the 6 Provinces. He did, however, appear to limit himself to listing only the heads of families and independent residents such as borders and roomers. Unlike so many contemporary directories, it includes people from all walks of life so laborers, farmers, tradesmen, merchants, professionals, military, clergy, politicians, consuls and even representatives of the Crown all get equal billing. We even noticed individuals declaring their occupation as Indian Chief and Huckster! Also in the alphabetically arranged lists are businesses and stores, usually showing the proprietor or manager as well as the address of the business. Frequently the business proprietors and managers are also listed in their own homes as well. Another unusual feature of this directory is that women who were widowed or who were heads of household in their own right are listed under their own names. Each listing for individuals gives the full name the occupation(s), the street address and an indication of the type of residence such as "h" for house, or "bds" for boards. The commercial listings give the name of the business, the nature of the business, the person to contact and the street address. Only the larger cities used house numbers, smaller places just gave the road name and sometimes an indication of a cross street or some other identifying feature, Villages frequently didn't even have (or didn't use) street names.

In addition to the wonderful alphabetical directories - one for each province - and the indexes to them, there are historical sketches of the country and the provinces, so called miscellaneous information about each province, i.e., the government and civil service, churches and clergy, major organizations, banks,

etc., a post Office directory including a list of every post office in the 6 provinces, a list of all the railroads and steam ship lines in operation - even some of the stage routes, Customs Information, a list of patents of invention since 1834 (did your ancestor have a patent granted on his invention?), a report of the state of the Militia including the Active Militia List, a list of all the newspapers and periodicals being published and hundreds of pages of classified and illustrated advertising. And as long as this list is, it doesn't do full justice to the amazing wealth of additional information packed into this book. This is an essential resource for anyone researching Eastern and Central Canada in the late 1800's. As with any 130+ year old reference work the passage of time has taken its toll and even though the book has been rebound it is in far from mint condition. Add to this that the original production was economically made, a little concentration and insight is required to make out a few words, We have taken great care to make the best scans of the pages we could get so the vast majority of the book presents no difficulty. We have made the book text searchable but, for the same reasons, the human reader will be able to make a more exhaustive search when the location to be searched is known. The alphabetical directory is divided into Provincial sections and within each section all the inhabited places, some 4,914 in total, are listed alphabetically, For each place there is an alphabetical listing of the inhabitants. This applies from the smallest post village of 10 inhabitants to Toronto and Montreal, the largest cities. For each place there is a brief description (not so brief for major cities) indicating the location, the access, the major facilities and the population.

Searching the Library of Canada indicates that this was the last time Lovell published a single directory that attempted to include all the Canadian provinces. He issued a prospectus for a revision to this directory in the late 1880s but he doesn't appear to have received enough subscriptions to make it worth his while carrying through to the actual publication. This then is a valuable resource of the names of virtually all of the families living in the 4 Provinces of the Dominion and of Newfoundland and P.E.I in 1870/71.

In trying to assure ourselves of the comprehensive coverage of this directory we attempted to discover what Lovell meant by the phrase and other inhabitants in the title. Although it can only be a guess there are strong indications to

support our interpretation that it is indeed a record of the names of the heads of every dwelling and many of the borders and roomers who were living in the 6 provinces. We based this on the findings of the 1881 & 1891 census which indicates that the average number of people in any inhabited dwelling was about 7 and 6.5 respectively. It seemed reasonable to assume that the 7 person average would also apply in 1871. Since the Directory gives the population for almost every place from villages of 10 inhabitants up to the largest cities it was easy to do random samples of the average number of inhabitants per entry for selected places and as this was usually about 7 it seems to support the conclusion that the listings were mainly one per household. We found this average number of people per entry tended to be smaller for cities and larger for rural settings and were significantly in excess of 7 per entry in some seasonal fishing villages (in Newfoundland for instance) and in some mining communities (in Nova Scotia) where it could be expected that the mining company supplied shanties actually on the mine's property for its workers and their families.

This is an enormous book of in excess of 2,500 pages. In order to make it more financially accessible to those who are only interested in one or two provinces we have published our reproduction in individual sections as well as the whole book. Each CD of an individual section provides the reader with all the indexes and general parts of the directory (including the illustrated advertising) as described above. This special offer is restricted to ONLY the CDs identified by a suffix to the CD product number: S for Set (complete) and O for Ontario.

We are indebted to the Historical Society of Ottawa for kindly loaning us this early directory so we could reproduce it for you on CD. Please join with us to thank them for their public spirited generosity in allowing us to make this rare and valuable book more accessible.

4 - COMING SOON

Of course, we shall be working hard to bring our current "book-in-work" to you and we hope that you find the wait worth while.

One of the less obvious benefits that comes from our attending conference marketplaces is that we can "chat" casually to our visitors about what topics they

are looking for and often that brings them to make useful suggestions. We also take note of the sorts of information you would like us to make available. We take these comments seriously and they help us to choose which books we will try to acquire.

At this last show one visitor had a specific title in mind, and since its "topic" was one of our Prairie Provinces we have already found and purchased a copy of it. (We find very little suitable materials from this part of our country so we "pounced" on this suggestion.) Of course we will need to make a final decision once it has arrived, but I think you'd be safe in assuming that it will have a high standing in our Priority list.

5 - NEWS & GOSSIP

If any of you have genealogy related questions of a general nature - or something specifically related to Archive CD Books - we'd be glad to publish your question in this newsletter so you can tap into the enormous fund of knowledge which I know is out there.

FREE Toronto History Lecture (Revised: June 2016)

This year's free Toronto History Lecture will take place at the City of Toronto Archives, on the evening of Wednesday August 3, so mark up your calendar now.

[Link to Archives Free Lecture](#)

OGS CONFERENCE 2017 (posted June 2016)

Hard as it may be to believe, preparations for the 2017 conference was already underway when the 2016 version was at full "tilt" earlier this month.

Several sub-committees have been working for some months already and they are looking for some volunteers with specific experience:

"Meetings are held on-line, so you can participate from anywhere in the world.

If you would like to join one of the sub-committees, particularly if you have expertise in Marketing or Social Media, please contact Mike More at:

conference2017@ogs.on.ca. "

ALSO, from the same source: *"If you belong to another heritage or genealogical organization in Eastern Ontario, we would be pleased to have you participate with us. For more details, contact Mike More at the same address as above."*

OGS BRANCH MEETINGS (posted June 2016)

Being based in Ontario, we tend to hear the Ontario based events rather "louder" than we hear those in the rest of the Country. Consequently we are always in the difficult position of having to "pick-and-choose" what events we mention, in an attempt to remain even handed with our news distribution. We reserve our editorial rights as to what we "pick-and-choose," but we are also providing you with a link the CALENDAR OF EVENTS, maintained by the OGS, giving details of ALL of their activities, which represents a good number of genealogy meetings scheduled in Ontario:

[OGS EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

CANADIAN ARCHIVES (ONCE AGAIN) RELEASES VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS THROUGH ANCESTRY! (posted June 2016)

Once again showing its preference for supporting US commerce; *"The Archives of Ontario is pleased to announce a partnership with Ancestry to provide online access to Ontario's Vital Statistics records."*

As part of the agreement, every year Ancestry will digitize and index original Vital Statistics records as they are transferred from the Registrar General's office to the Archives of Ontario and provide online access to these records on Ancestry. All of these digitized records will be made available on the Ancestry website for free in the Archives of Ontario Reading Room as well as in all public libraries across Ontario.

As of June 4, 2016 marriages from 1933 and 1934 and deaths in 1943 are available on the Ancestry website. Also, deaths in 1944 will be released later this year. Ontario marriages and deaths collections are now live on the Ancestry website:

- Ontario, Canada, Marriages 1933-1934
- Ontario, Canada, Deaths, 1943

Please note that the 1869-1911 births, 1869-1927 marriages and 1869-1937 deaths continue to be available on the Family Search website.

KINGSTON, ONTARIO, CELEBRATES 175th. ANNIVERSARY OF BEING NAMED CAPITAL OF THE UNION OF THE CANADAS. (Posted June 2016)

On June 15, 1841, Kingston was named capital of the Union of the Canadas, the precursor to what would become the nation of Canada 26 years later; now 175 years later, the city is celebrating its roots and the unique history of both Kingston and Canada with a variety of history-focused events. [Click this link for more information.](#)

ANOTHER IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARY WHICH WE DON'T HEAR TOO MUCH ABOUT. (Posted June 2016)

This weekend (June 19th) marked 200 years since the Métis flag's infinity symbol waved over Frog Plain in a confrontation that would go down in Canadian history. Arguably this was the first rebellion against the treatment of "Canada" solely as a commercial "resource" for British businessmen to make money from - by force if necessary. [Click this link for more information.](#)

Mackenzie House seeks stories about Eaton's employees. (Posted June 2016)

City of Toronto Museums & Heritage Services The City of Toronto's Museums and Heritage Services and the Archives of Ontario are collecting personal stories of T. Eaton Company Limited employees who fought in the First World War.

In 2014 the Archives of Ontario created an online exhibit, *Eaton's Goes to War*. Our goal is to expand this online exhibit with the personal stories of some of the individuals in the collection's photographs. This expanded exhibit will be displayed at Mackenzie House from September 29, 2017 to January 29, 2018. We want to know the stories of these men.

Can you help? [For more information, click here.](#)

Digitization of the Canadian Expeditionary Force Personnel Services Files

(Posted June 2016)

The Digitization of the Canadian Expeditionary Force Service Files project continues. As of June 15th, 297,013 of 640,000 files were available online via our Soldiers of the First World War: 1914–1918 database.

Please check [the database](#) regularly for new additions or, you may contact them directly at 1-866-578-7777 for more assistance.

6 - WE'RE ON FACEBOOK

We use our Facebook page to spread the word about notable events, special offers, and just plain old “scuttlebutt,” which we think will be of interest to Canadian genealogists, and which may have a short “shelf life.” To me, being a Canadian genealogist means having roots in other parts of the World as well as right here. In an effort to keep focused on the Canadian content I try to filter out a lot of the vast wave of US (only) news which tend to overwhelmed most other news sources.

We made only 5 posts on our Facebook page in the last month but, "Never mind the width - feel the quality!"*. If I kept records it could have been one of our most popular months ever! From these our “Top 3” posts are below:

* Apologies both for the deliberate mis-quote and for the ethnic "profiling."

1. Passing along the OGS' offer of 50% off membership for the rest of this year.
2. Points of View on the fake "heraldry" industry. (Your coat-of-arms?)
3. Ontario Archives selects Ancestry to benefit from release of Public Records and clears up anomalies in release dates.

We like to think of our Facebook page as a compliment to this Newsletter, and sometimes as a quicker reacting extension. It also allows “members” to react and express their POV,

- Add your “Like” to our FB page and be “in the know” as it happens.
- If you are already a Facebook member then you can find the Archive CD

Books Canada wall by searching for our name or at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ArchiveCDBooksCanada>

- If you have not yet joined Facebook you can use the same URL but you will need to "sign in" before you can read our wall.

If you have an item which you would like us to give a public airing on Facebook (and you don't wish to do it yourself) - or if you wish to have it posted in this newsletter then send it to me at:

Malcolm@ArchiveCDBooks.ca

and we'll see what we can do. (*Please indicate that you would prefer we post it on Facebook otherwise we may leave it to be posted in the newsletter.*)

7 - FAMILY HISTORY SHOWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We can include your Family History Societies announcements if you tell us what they are. Please give us AT LEAST one month's notice.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO EVENT ORGANIZERS: We can help you spread the word about your events. Our message reaches right across the Country and is read by genealogy fans. They want to hear your message and many of them pass along items that interest them. Get a wider distribution of your event notices by simply including me in your distribution list.

My eMail is: Malcolm@ArchiveCDBooks.ca

9th July, 2016; The 18th Annual Young Family Reunion

The reunion will take place on July 9th, 2016, at Grace United Church Hall in Caledonia, Ontario. The reunion is held for descendants of Adam Young (1717-1790) and Catharine (Schremling) Young (1720-1798). This year reunion attendees are asked to bring rare family photos to share with other descendants.

A pot luck luncheon will be shared. "New descendants" are encouraged to attend.

Contact for further information: [Daniel Young](#)

20th August, 2016; ONE WORLD ONE FAMILY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Plan now to attend the 7th annual One World One Family Conference at 10062

Bramalea Rd. Brampton, ON, and enjoy informative workshops on Canadian, Czech, English, Hispanic, Irish, Polish, Scottish, Swedish, and West Indian research, as well as enlightening sessions from Ancestry, Archives of Ontario, Barnardo Children, DNA, FamilySearch, Freeware, Global Mapping, Local lost villages, and Planning Family Reunions.

Register at: www.oneworldonefamily-theevent.com

Although invited, we regret we are unable to attend this meeting. However we are providing a door prize and an opportunity to sign up for this newsletter.

9 - 11th September, 2016; THE BRITISH ISLES FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF GREATER OTTAWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO) is hosting its 22nd Annual Conference in the Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centrepointe Drive, Nepean, Ontario. This is always a well attended conference with multiple presentation streams and an extensive Marketplace.

More information, including advance registration can be found on:
<http://www.bifhsgo.ca>

We are planning to attend this conference marketplace with a large selection of our CDs (about 1,000 out of 4,000) and our other "soft" products. We will also bring our complete index-card catalogue and be able to show you the content of ALL the products (as long as I remember to bring the hard-disk!) if there is something you especially want to see let us know ([by eMail](#)) what it is and we can make sure it's there for you to see (no obligation to buy!) Remember to bring your "portable drive" if you want to buy a "download" product.

21 - 23rd October, 2016; From: THE GREAT CANADIAN GENEALOGY SUMMIT.

The Great Canadian Genealogy Summit is being held at the Courtyard Marriott - Brampton, Ontario, Canada.

"Derived out of a passion for family history, three Canadian genealogists banded together to develop a conference structure which has a mission to promote Canadian genealogists by providing a platform to showcase their talents as well as share their knowledge and passion for genealogy with others."

There are 5 sessions, each with two streams to chose from, plus add-on “field” trips available.

Full information and registration at:

<http://www.cangensummit.ca/product/full-weekend-registration/>

5th November, 2016; THE KITCHENER PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL GENEALOGY FAIR.

This year the Kitchener Public library will have Jen Baldwin of FindMyPast and Twitter’s #genchat at their annual Genealogy Fair in Kitchener Ontario.

There is no registration, or cost, to attend this event but if you should have any questions you can email to genealogyfair@kpl.org or fax it to 519-743-1261, or send them by post to "Sheila" at the KPL main branch address.

16 - 18th June, 2017; THE ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

“Our Canada — Your Family: Building a Nation” is the title, and the theme, of the annual Ontario Genealogical Society Conference. It will be held in Ottawa, at Algonquin College and will be hosted by the Ottawa Branch OGS.

For more information, please contact the Conference 2017 Program Committee by email at: program.conference2017@ogs.on.ca.

8 - ARCHIVES & PREVIOUSLY RELEASED BOOKS:

Archives of this newsletter showing all the previous release announcements are available in the newsletter archive which can be reached through:

[GO TO NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES](#)

All our newly released books are listed on the “home” page of our website. Go to:

[Archive CD Books Canada Web Site](#)

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